

The Boatmen's bank building in St. Louis was destroyed by fire at an early hour Monday morning and about forty lives were snuffed out in the awful conflagration. The upper part of the building was occupied by the Missouri Athletic club and the fire broke out shortly after midnight when the members were in the rooms asleep and before they were aware of their perilous condition, their means of escape was cut off and there was no way to assist them. The loss of the building is a heavy one, but does not compare with the loss of human lives.

#### One Year's Achievements

On the first anniversary of his inauguration, President Wilson, if nothing unexpected happens, will tell congress that the honor of the United States is not at stake and that it can be saved only by re-issuing that clause in the Panama canal law, which exempts from payment of tolls, American ships. As has been his custom, Mr. Wilson will read his message.

The president, thus fittingly commemorates his first anniversary by an appeal to the sense of justice of the members of congress. Those who hear him today will recall his striking inaugural address, which began: "This is not a day of triumph, it is a day of dedication. Here must not the forces of party, but the forces of humanity. Their hearts wait upon us, their lives hang in the balance, their hopes call upon us to say what we will do."

When the history of the Wilson administration is written, the accomplishments of its first twelve months will surpass the accomplishments of the entire four years of any other administration in the history of the nation.

Briefly recounted, the president has to his credit, the passage of the tariff act with its income tax clause; of the currency bill, pronounced by financiers the best financial law ever drawn; the direct election of United States senators by popular vote; lobbying exposed and measures adopted to make its recurrence impossible and, last, but not least, the conservative policy of dealing with the tariff as a problem in such a way as to avoid intervention.

These are the big accomplishments of a year's untiring, intelligent and loyal work. But Mr. Wilson has done many other things that will endure his memory to future generations. Not the least of these is his simple democracy, shown by the intimate relations he has established with the members of congress, by which differences of opinion are settled through friendly conferences of the leaders, not only of the president's own party, but of the others as well. There remains much to be done, and with the entire nation in hearty accord with him, the president will have no difficulty in bringing to a glorious completion the many constructive reforms outlined by him.

#### Washington Letter

By L. J. HALL

Missourians will be glad to learn that Senator Stone is rapidly recovering his health and will soon be able to resume his duties. He was unanimously elected chairman of the committee on Foreign Relations to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Senator Bacon. Stone is a power in the senatorial councils and his enforced absence was felt.

Borah, the standpat senator from Idaho, is taking seriously his candidacy for the republican nomination for the presidency. In a speech at Columbus, Ohio, last week he made some caustic remarks about one Theodore Roosevelt and his attitude toward the G. O. P. He later took a fall out of Mr. George W. Perkins of plethoric purse and Teddy tendencies. It promises to be a merry war.

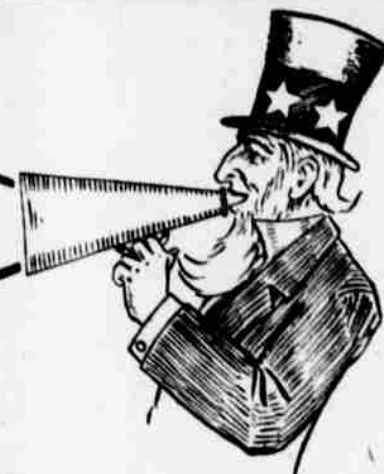
None of the progressive leaders in the senate, with the exception of Poindexter, is in sympathy with the idea of having Roosevelt lead the ticket in 1916. Cummins and Kenyon believe the republican party sufficiently progressive; Norris thinks a third party a mistake; Bristow is running for reelection as a republican; Clapp and Sterling object to the progressive platform; and LaFollette—where, oh, where is he? Teddy

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### A Position for Life

will need all the athletic practice he is getting.

In a report to the house from the committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Canadian Alexander of Missouri says that the shipping trust contrives competition by agreements fixing rates; by appropriating tonnage; by pooling earnings; and by eliminating non-conference lines. The report recommends that the Interstate Commerce commission be given authority to fix rates, to prevent rebates and discrimination and to compel railroads to issue through bills of lading and open terminal facilities to all ship lines on equal terms.

The naval appropriation bill, as reported to the house, carries a little more than \$140,000,000. Walter Hensley of Missouri, and three other democrats, submitted a minority report in which they urge economy, and set forth facts to show that so great expenditure is unnecessary. Interests that profit by shipbuilding, as well as the army and navy leagues, have made their influence felt in shaping the bill. There will be a determined effort on the floor to cut down the amount. It is quite probable that the bill that goes to the president will carry at least the amount above named.

Former Governor Folk, who was second in the legal department of the Secretary of State, is now chief solicitor of the Interstate Commerce commission. The position commands a salary of \$10,000 a year. The legal business of the commission has been greatly increased by the physical valuation of railroads. Herbert S. Hadley, formerly somewhat prominent in Missouri politics, is general counsel for the railroads and will face "Our Joe" in the legal battles.

Ed A. Glenn of Louisiana, Mo., journal clerk of the house, has just been appointed a member of the Mississippi river commission. Col. Glenn has been an enthusiastic advocate of river improvement for a number of years, and is thoroughly familiar with the whole proposition. This fact, coupled with his indomitable courage and energy, insures efficient service in this position. Whenever Glenn gets behind an enterprise it moves forward or something breaks.

Big business corporations, American and foreign, and individuals that have large holdings or valuable concessions in that turbulent country, are trying hard to plunge us into war with poor old Mexico. They are being encouraged by commercial interests in this country that would profit immensely by war. The American citizens who are feeling the burden of taxation are not anxious to hear the tocsin. We are now paying about \$100,000,000 for the support of the army, nearly \$150,000,000 for the navy and \$200,000,000 in pensions, annually. We are not especially anxious to increase these figures. It is not probable that we shall be bluffed into war, but if we are, certain belligerent members of the house and senate should be commissioned at once and sent to the front.

#### From Cullom, Ill.

Health is good at this writing. Elisha Perkins has moved to near Chatsworth, where he has rented a large farm. Joe Johnson has moved to near Chatsworth where he has employment. There are quite a number of people

from Missouri drifting in here. Melvin Gray will work for Thor. Bergan this season.

Frank and Walter Baker will work for Thos. Perkins.

Joe Johnson informs us that his boss, Howard Stanford, has a but girl at his place.

Albert Johnson visited Joe Johnson Saturday night and Sunday.

John Johnson says he raised and sold about \$90 worth of poultry last year, but he expects to beat that this year, as he has purchased an incubator.

Ora Hahn has moved near Charlotte.

What has become of "Green Fuzz"? Would like to hear from him again. Say, "Quick Foot," tell Nathan Crites that a writer from Cullom said when he wanted to take a another bath it would be more pleasant in July or August.

In the last issue of THE PRESS, a writer from Selahitz says the farmers are talking of sowing oats, but we haven't any sign of spring here yet—the groundhog certainly saw his shadow—for there has been snow on the ground for three weeks and is snowing now. Two Browns

#### Lutesville News.

O. M. Garrison has bought the Miller place.

Luther Proffer moved to the country last week.

"Uncle Matt" Kinder is reported to be very low.

Rev. Arthur is on the puny list, but is improving.

J. M. Owens moved into the house recently vacated by John Mungle.

Charles Lutes is reported to be getting along as nicely as could be expected.

Avery Myers and Byron Rockwell of Perkins creek left for Chatsworth, Ill., Monday.

Miss Ollie Dale of Fredericktown is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. E. Chandler, in this city.

Mrs. Mary Vance, who has been visiting relatives in Chicago several days, came home Monday.

Judge M. S. Gladish, who is teaching near Malden visited his family here Saturday and Sunday.

The lumber is on the ground to build a new oil house for the National Light & Oil company.

Sanford Eaker of near the Gregory schoolhouse left Monday for Kansas City to seek employment.

Sam Huffstutler came in Monday from Norwood, Ark., and reports a fine prospect for a rice crop this year.

W. H. Scott of Drum was here Monday and reports that everything is moving along smoothly down in his part of the country.

Rev. Lee Baker of Clubb creek returned home Monday, after assisting a few days in the revival meetings at Mt. Zion church.

Mr. Parmer had the misfortune to lose his barn and a fine horse Sunday night, by fire. The barn was located on the Langdon property.

J. L. Robertson went to the Cape Tuesday and returned to Poplar Bluff Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Mutual Protective league.

"Grandma" Owens of Oran, who

has been visiting near Boone Terre, came to Lutesville Friday to visit relatives. She returned home Sunday.

Enoch Underwood of Lodge, who will leave for Colorado Wednesday, visited his mother, Mrs. Henry Cheek, the first of the week. He says a number of our good people are looking westward.

Just as we are about ready to put the forms on the press we are informed of the death of Oscar Lutes at East St. Louis, and his remains will be brought to Lutesville to-day for interment.

#### Patton

Well it keeps snowing and blowing and Marching right along.

John E. Smith is reported on the sick list at this writing.

Miss Grace Zoller of Apple creek, near Crossroads, who had the misfortune to fall last summer and stick a knife blade in her arm, just above the wrist, leaving part of the blade in her arm, never managed to extract it until last week, when she made a trip to St. Louis for the purpose. It had bedded itself between the bones and was in two pieces. The wound had healed, but it always caused her pain.

The upper Patton school closed last Saturday with an interesting entertainment and a big dinner—free and plenty for all. A large number of people were present and all seemed to enjoy the day. Mr. Will Denton taught them a good school and we are sure he could get the school again if he desires.

Mrs. Reuben Reed, who has been sick the last week, is reported on the mend.

Mrs. Isaac Wilfong died March 8, of dropsy. Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery near Alliance. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss.

Born—March 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson, a son. This is the seventh son and they have two daughters. Not much race suicide there.

Mrs. Tom Bennett is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Sarah Bollinger went to Marble Hill last Friday to take the civil service examination. She hopes to be reappointed postmistress here.

James Fulton moved to the Chas. Yamnitz farm March 3.

### ..To-Day..

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A number of children around here are complaining of bad colds.

Every Wednesday is "booster" day.

Philip Barks of near Hilderbrand is visiting his sister, Sarah Barks, this week.

Mrs. John Shell visited at R. L. Robinson's Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. David Robinson visited her sister, Mrs. Amanda Seabough, this week.

Christian Seabough, our oldest citizen is still in very feeble health.

Henry Cook's little boy is reported in very poor health.

Henry Lee of Fredericktown was in our town on business a few days ago and visited Noah Kitchen.

C. W. Myers, who has been sick with pneumonia, is able to be up.

Loy A. Seabough and wife were in our town on last Thursday, doing some shopping.

W. T. Loberg's little babe, of a week old, died March 1. The remains were laid to rest in Crossroads cemetery. We are sorry for the bereaved parents, but God doeth all things well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robinson visited at D. Shrum's last Sunday.

James Mungle and Dave Hanners say they don't have to make cross ties, but it's that or do worse, and they don't know how they can stand doing worse. Now, Jimmy and Davy, we all know you are industrious, but we can't say how much you can stand.

Chris Hawn of Crooked creek passed thru here last Thursday.

John Fulton and Ernest Fadler, who had been buying hogs, failed to it.

get a car load and sold what they had to Frank Yamnitz.

Sylvester Smith has a very sick child.

Will Robinson moved into his new house the first of the week.

James Fulton has gone into the real estate business. He has bought four farms in the last month and is still looking around. He says there is good money in the land business, and James knows a good thing when he sees it.

Hou. C. J. Sharrock drove thru our town last Saturday with two stands of bees in his buggy.

It is reported that on the first day of March somebody helped one of Abram Johnson's fat hogs out of his hide. At any rate the hog was gone, but the hide was left.

John Riehl has a very sick child at this writing.

BAD

The democratic state administration is collecting \$225,000 from automobile owners this year and every dollar of the money will be spent upon Missouri roads.

## The Bollinger County Poultry Association

...will give...

a Poultry Show at

Lutesville, March 28

Premium list will be given in next week's paper. Watch for it.